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Active MemberSHOULD THE UN-AMERICAN
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
BE CONTINUED?

(From Winchester Star)

The House Un-American Activities Committee is being attacked from numerous sources. Democratic Congressman Huber of Ohio proposes that it be abolished, while its methods are "greatly improved." Newspaper columnist Marquis Childs, who has been a foe of the committee for some time, is continuing his crusade. And a new talking point has been added by the indictment of Chairman J. Parnell Thomas by a Federal Grand Jury on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the Government. The indictment grew out of an alleged padding of Mr. Thomas' office pay.

The committee was first formed in 1938 under the chairmanship of Representative Martin Dies of Texas. Mr. Dies was a hardhitter and uncovered activities which for the general good should have been brought to light. But his way of doing business was questionable. The tactics of Mr. Dies and his committee appeared directed too much toward the attracting of headlines and too little toward an objective approach. Its results were not received by the public with a great deal of confidence. The same general pattern has been followed under the chairmanship of Mr. Thomas.

Nevertheless the Committee, in our opinion, should be continued, although its methods and procedures should be revised. It seems to us it should seek facts and that any reports it makes should be based entirely upon evidence rather than upon assumption. And most certainly the persons whom it accuses should be given opportunity to answer the charges. Character assassination is not a function of a Congressional committee, although this committee occasionally seems to have done just that. The nation needs a watch dog to expose and to grapple with those who would undermine our form of government. This can best be done by a Committee.

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SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 11 Samuel 1:1-27; Psalm 22-24; 100; 138:1-2; Lamentations 3:10-20; Habakkuk 3:1-19; Lamentations 4:1-6:30

OPTIONAL READING: Psalm 147:1-13

Truth Set to Music

Lesson for November 21, 1948

gressional committee. But the great power such a committee would not be used responsibly. The committee must follow, we should think, at least quasi-judicial procedure, so as to adequately protect the character of any who might be falsely accused.

Continue the committee, yes; but drastically revise its method of operation.

OLD STUFF
(From Pittsburgh Press)

Don't waste your youngins, says a Mayo Clinic doctor. Use guidance, example and verbal instruction instead. Well, there's nothing new there. Generations of parents, we assure, verbally have instructed little Willie to pick up his toys, guided him by the hand to their location, and wound up providing the example by picking them up themselves.

REVEALING SCIENCE
(From Detroit News)

Television could bring the whole sordid business of war right into a Navy warroom, or for that matter, into an average living room. But we get no satisfaction from this thought. It is just one more sign that man's control of science is better perfected than his command of his own nature.

THRIFT IN HOLLYWOOD
(From Chicago Tribune)

The Associated Press recently supplied us with a Hollywood item concerning the financial affairs of Miss Margaret O'Brien, the film actress. Miss O'Brien is 11 years old, but during 1947 her earnings were \$193,848. The news story went on to relate that her expenses for the year were \$175,327, including \$68,698 for income taxes.

The only possible inference from this account was that Miss O'Brien's expenses were more than her income. It is hard to have done just that. The nation needs a watch dog to expose and to grapple with those who would undermine our form of government. This can best be done by a Committee.

Red armies open drive for the Yantse in China.

Truman makes no announcement on possible changes in the cabinet for new term.

French police guard the opening of parliament.

New cases raise state police count to 531.

87 trucks cited for overloading in spot checks.

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. Please get in news and ad copy early!

When Jesus died on the cross, two of the last seven sentences that came from his lips were quotations from the Psalms. The poetry of his people was in his blood, for in his last agony the words that came from his breaking heart were words that were spoken by the poets of the Bible long ago.

So it is always, "Truth in song will tarry long." Today and always, the parts of the Bible which are most cherished, the parts most often learned by heart, the parts which we carry with us to the valley of the shadow of death, are truths set to music, long centuries ago, by inspired men who knew how to clothe truth with garments of shining and immortal loveliness.

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Jews and Arabs rebuff peace plan for Palestine.

General Clay believes the Berlin blockade not near an end.

Clemson football team has best Southern Conference record, night.

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Evergreen

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OHLANO, FLA.—So far as Nibikawa, the Wise Woodman, is concerned, you can forget the high price of food in Florida—if you want to go back to nature.

Nibikawa is the name the Indians give to naturalist and educator Oliver Perry Medger, 78, whose writings, teachings and studies have made him nationally known among scientists.

One of his books is "Edible Wild Plants" and from it you learn that many weeds you thought only a nuisance can save you from starving. The May apple he recommends highly.

It isn't a fruit or flower, leaf or root. It's just a growth found on the wild honeysuckle and yet Medger says it is delicious raw or in salad, spiced or pickled.

There are the wild sweet potato; grass; and fruits of the cultivated plants. But he discourages use of the excellent palmetto bud because of its toxicity.

He says young bracken shoots can be cooked and dressed like asparagus, as can the tender shoots of pokeweed, chickweed, sorrel and milkweed.

The wild leek, he says, is another all-purpose edible. Its shoots can be used for greens, the unripe pods eaten like okra, and the mature leaves may be made from the flowers.

Medger says the Indians would have died without arrowroot which he calls "the bread of the swamp." He also names a wide variety of wild fruits and berries and says:

"If worst comes to worst, we can always eat grass. All the grasses are perfectly wholesome and nutritious."

Brown Thrush Has Narrow Escapes in Noisy City

ATLANTA, GA.—City life was just too much for this unhappy, confused brown thrush.

The bird got caught in a whirl of traffic on busy Forsyth street. Cluttered, untidy automobiles and trolleys, it caused a traffic jam. Horns blared and tires screamed.

Cheating death by inches, the bird finally reached the sidewalk. Dignified businessmen skittered about trying to catch the elusive thrush in their test.

It darted into a hotel lobby, avoiding capture until it dropped from exhaustion.

Its captor put the bird in a box and said that he would take it back to the country.

Reporter in Russ Garb Tests Army's Security

ALISO CANYON, CALIF.—A self-styled Russian army colonel, who he was warded maneuvers of United States naval and marine units, was identified as a reporter planted by his newspaper to test security precautions at the war games.

The San Diego Journal said the man, who first identified himself as a military reporter, was army officer, was John D. Alfonso.

Brig. Gen. Omar T. Pfeiffer, chief of staff of the Camp Pendleton marine barracks, said the reporter would be turned over to the FBI because he had no credentials and was wearing the uniform of a foreigner.

Wearing a Russian uniform rented from a costume shop, D'Alfonso was picked up as he watched the large-scale maneuvers from a canyon side reserved for civilian spectators.

They'll have to travel five miles south of East Brookfield among the wooded Worcester county hills.

Bathtubs Are on Way Out As Showers Gain Popularity

CLEVELAND.—The sit-and-soak method of bathing is slowly joining the old wooden tub in front of the kitchen stove as a thing of the past, a survey of observers on the postwar bathing scene shows.

Blame it on the war, they said. The tub is going down the drain to make way for the shower.

During the war, people got accustomed to taking showers," Charles Lauch, secretary of the Cleveland Builders Exchange, said.

There were no tubs on dreadnaughts or in barracks for the men in service. Priorities made it difficult for civilians to get tubs.

People learned to prefer the speed and efficiency of showers.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Nov. 17.-Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickerson spent Sunday in Richmond as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tureman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin and children visited her parents Sunday. They were accompanied home by her mother, who will spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Dickerson and son spent Sunday in the home of her parents.

Marvin Martin, of Lynchburg, formerly of Spout Spring, has been a patient at the Virginia Baptist Hospital for the past few days. He expects to return home tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Frazier and son, of Altavista were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pillow have moved into their new home.

The Rev. and Mrs. William Moore and daughter visited her parents last week.

Dick Martin, of the U. S. Navy, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Martin.

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